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**From:** Bill [jjwab@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 03, 2010 8:28 PM  
**To:** Commissioner.Mitchell  
**Subject:** sce&g rate increase request

Dear Commissioner Randy Mitchell,

It is my understand that SCE&G is requesting a 9.5% rate increase. Also SCE&G was approved a 2.5 % rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 % rate hike in 2008. This 9.5% rate increase may boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by \$140 a year by July 2011. As per Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is approximately \$93. As per SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The 9.5% rate increase, if granted, would put it at approximately \$130.

SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper. I do not mind any company making a necessary profit, but the timing of this rate request is terrible with the current state of the economy and unemployment. I am requesting this rate increase not be approved.

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